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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP 1 324 399 A (TOSHIBA KK) 2 July 2003

D2: WO 01/41225 A (CREE LIGHTING COMPANY) 7 June
2001

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The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6 because the subject matters of the claims are not clear. Said lack of clarity also affects the assessment of novelty and/or inventive step pursuant to PCT Article 33(2) and (3).

The phrase "thin-layer light-emitting diode chip" does not have a generally recognized meaning and leaves the reader uncertain as to the meaning of the technical feature in question. As a result, the subject matter of said claim is not clearly defined.

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Notwithstanding the abovementioned lack of clarity, the application does not, moreover, meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of independent claims 1, 7 does not involve an inventive

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step within the meaning of PCT Article 33(3).

D1 is regarded as closest prior art with respect to the subject matter of claims 1, 7. It discloses (paragraphs 9-120) a light-emitting diode chip comprising an epitaxial layer sequence (14, 15) which has an active zone (12) generating an electromagnetic radiation, and wherein the radiation decoupling surface of the epitaxial layer sequence that faces away from the carrier element (10) has a patterning (18) comprising mutually adjacent projections which taper in the direction away from the radiation decoupling surface and have a lateral grid dimension which is smaller than a wavelength of an electromagnetic radiation emitted from the epitaxial layer sequence.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1, 7 differs from D1 by virtue of the fact that the light-emitting diode chip has a reflective layer arranged on a main surface of the epitaxial layer sequence that faces the carrier element, and the patterning is introduced into a layer which contains glass material and is arranged on the radiation decoupling surface of the epitaxial layer sequence.

The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of avoiding the surface patterning of the semiconductor chip (by means of an etching method).

However, these features have already been used for the same purpose in a similar light-emitting diode chip, cf. D2 (exemplary embodiment 7). If a person skilled in the art wished to achieve the same aim in a light-emitting diode chip as per D1 (or the document by I. Schnizter mentioned in the application), he could easily apply

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these features to like effect to the subject matter of D1. In this way he would arrive at a light-emitting diode chip as per claims 1, 7 without thereby being inventive.

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Claims 2-6, 8-13 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.